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In re Reissue Application of: :
MIDOUX et al. :
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For: POLYMERIC .. CELL MEMBRANES :

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the letter of May 5, 2005, please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim1. (presently amended) A complex comprised of at least one negatively charged nucleic acid and at least one positively charged polymeric conjugate with the bond therebetween being electrostatic in nature,
the polymeric conjugate containing a polylysine formed from monomers having free NH_3^+ groups,
at least 10% of free NH_3^+ groups of the said polylysine are substituted by residues which are protonated in a weakly acid medium causing destabilization of cell membranes,